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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: P. Chen
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: Group Art Unit: 2676
Application No.: 10/650,548)
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

Sir:

This is a response to the March 18, 2005, which imposed a requirement to elect between allegedly distinct species of the invention as follows: (a) Figure 6; or (b) Figure 10.

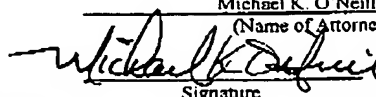
The species of Figure 10 is elected. The election is made without traverse.

All of Claims 1 to 25 read on the elected species. By way of explanation, Figure 10 is a flow chart for explaining a second embodiment of the invention which includes both the device transform caching of the first embodiment as well as transformation sequence caching. See paragraph [44]. In particular, and as explained in paragraph [52], process step S1003 of Figure 10 includes all of Figure 6.

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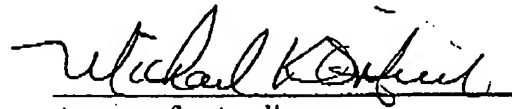
Applicants respectfully disagree with the assertion that no claim is generic. Rather, at least Claims 1 to 13 are generic inasmuch as they read on both of the first and second embodiments.

An action on the merits of all of Claims 1 to 25 is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter regarding Information Disclosure Statements, it is noted that two Information Disclosure Statements have been filed: a first dated August 28, 2003 and a second dated November 3, 2003. Consideration of the art cited therein is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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